[NL] Revised Telecommunications Act

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On 20 April 2004, the Eerste Kamer (the Dutch Senate) adopted an Act to implement the EC Electronic Communications Framework (see IRIS 2002-3: 4) into Dutch law (Act of 22 April 2004). The adoption of this Act introduces a number of modifications to the existing Telecommunicatiewet (Telecommunications Act), which entered into force in December 1998.

Major changes include improved consumer protection (including anti-spam regulation) and a more flexible approach to the application of competition law. Furthermore, there is now a single regulatory framework that applies to all kinds of electronic communications networks. This means that the Telecommunicatiewet no longer contains specific rules for cable television networks. All provisions relating to must-carry obligations for cable television networks are now included in the Mediawet (Media Act modification of Articles 82i and 82k Mediawet).

The revised Telecommunications Act entered into force on 19 May 2004.

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http://wetten.overheid.nl/cgi-bin/deeplink/law1/title=Telecommunicatiewet

Telecommunications Act, consolidated version

Wet van 22 april 2004 tot wijziging van de Telecommunicatiewet en enkele andere wetten in verband met de implementatie van een nieuw Europees geharmoniseerd regelgevingskader voor elektronische communicatienetwerken en -diensten en de nieuwe dienstenrichtlijn van de Commissie van de Europese Gemeenschappen

http://www.recht.nl/doc/stb2004-189.pdf

Act of 22 April 2004 amending the Telecommunications Act and other legislation due to the implementation of a new European harmonised regulatory framework for electronic communication networks and services and the new Services Directive of the Commission of the European Communities

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